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INCREASED ASSESSMENTS: TAXATION BRINGS INFLATION TO FOGGY BOTTOM

DISTRICT AFFAIRS CHAIRMAN:

PROFILE -- LINDA TERRY

The District Affairs Committee is one of the Foggy Bottom Association's most important working groups. If the Foggy Bottom community has a representative voice in the affairs of the City as a whole, it is through the activities of this committee. Obviously, then, the more activity the better. With this in mind, FBA President Alling Brown recently filled the vacant chairmanship of the District Affairs Committee with one of the community's most active individuals -- twenty-three-year-old Linda Terry.

A tall, pretty blond, Linda gives the impression that she hasn't suffered an inactive moment in her life (she actively denies this). A management analyst for the National Archives and Record Service, she attends night school George Washington University. She is a member of the Third Precinct Crime Council, and is thinking of taking up photography as a hobby. "It's amazing how you can find time to do things when you have to," says Linda.

Denver, Colorado, was her birthplace, but the Washington area has been her home since 1956, when her family moved to the Virginia suburbs. In 1960 Linda graduated from Springfield's Robert E. Lee High School, and went on to attend West Virginia Wesleyan University.

After two years there, however, she dropped out and found her way to a job on the Washington staff of the Peace Corps. Soon she was traveling to colleges all over the country, recruiting for the organization and enjoying herself hugely. "I went around sticking up posters, calling TV stations and talking to people everywhere," she recalls.

After three years of this, however, Linda began to get restless for something new, so she left the Corps to work for a large employment agency. When that did not work out, she moved to her present job at the National Archives, which runs a sort of management consultant service for other Government agencies. Linda

Tax assessments in Foggy Bottom have recently been increased dramatically by the District Government -- in some known cases by 100%. If your rent has not been raised, it probably will be soon. Renters and owners alike have an opportunity to appeal these increases, however, if they act quickly.

Townhouse owners have been notified that their land valuation has been doubled; that may mean taxes equivalent to those paid by owners of a 4- or 5-bedroom house -- with garage space and off-street parking -- on perhaps 1/3 acre in one of the better areas of Washington, with playgrounds and parks and truly adequate government services.

Reported increases in apartment rents range from \$10 (efficiencies) or more per month. The large apartments in Foggy Bottom contain 100 to 200 apartments each. At a minimum, the increased rental in a 100-unit building would be \$1000 per month, or \$12,000 annually. Renters may wonder whether such increases are justified.

APPEALS MUST BE FILED BEFORE MONDAY, APRIL 1, with the Board of Equalization and Review, Room 2010, Municipal Center, 300 Indiana Avenue, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20001. Appeal Forms may be obtained from the D.C. Finance Office. For further information, call the Real Estate Tax Information Office at 629-3135, or Alling Brown at FE 3-4387.

MARCH MEETING

MARCH FBA MEETING TO EXPLORE FAIR HOUSING

Mr. Harry Conn, President of the Northwest Washington Fair Housing Association, and Mrs. Doris Ingram, Executive Secretary of the group, will discuss the problem of fair housing in this area at the March FBA meeting, at 8 p.m. on Monday, the 27th. Mr. Conn and Mrs. Ingram will also answer questions put to them by the audience.

Don't forget -- the meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the new library (24th & L Streets).

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FB NEWS

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OUR NEW NEIGHBOR

We've been a regular patron of the new library and heartily recommend a trip to 24th and L Streets in the near future (Monday evening's FBA meeting?) if your steps have not already taken you in that direction. The browsing is a pleasure (we know some people who have become almost library "addicts") -- and the staff is both helpful and friendly.

We'd almost bet that you run into (figuratively, of course) a neighbor there; the library is fast becoming a hub in the community. It is a most welcome addition and an asset to Foggy Bottom and the adjoining communities.

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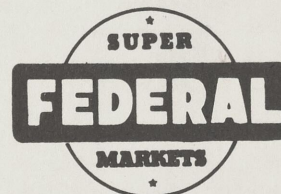
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"Doggie Bottomers":

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I have a poodle -- and when she makes this sort of mistake, I gather the "parcel" in a scooper* and deposit it in the gutter.

Will you other "Doggie Bottomers" do likewise, and keep our sidewalks walkable? If you can't curb your dog, curb the "parcel." Everybody will thank you!

*If you don't have a "professional" scooper, you will be respected and admired carrying and using your plastic salad tongs.

Betty Brown
819 - 25th Street

CAPITAL HIKING CLUB

Bettyanne Rusen, 730 - 24th St., N.W. is Treasurer of the Capital Hiking Club and invites FB residents to join its activities. Future events include trips to Seneca, Md. on Mar. 26; Big Devils Stairs, Va. on April 2; Sugarloaf Mountain on April 9, and Assateague Island on April 16.

LINDA TERRY (Continued from Page 1)

is "hired out" as a management trouble-shooter for other organizations, and the variety of challenges is exactly to her taste.

A Foggy Bottom resident for four years, Linda decided to become active in the FBA when she realized that preoccupation with work and night school was making her too self-centered. "It was getting to be nothing but me-me-me," she says, "and I wondered, 'Why don't I get out and do something?'" Washington apartments are full of girls sitting around and whining that there's nothing to do.

Linda, by contrast, has a definite philosophy of what to do, and she applies it vigorously to her chairmanship of the District Affairs Committee. "You can't always be a reacting organization," she declares. "You have to act. Your gears should be well-oiled, so that when something comes up all you have to do is make a phone call and the problem gets taken care of." Look out, problems. Here comes Linda.

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APRIL CENTENNIAL NEWS:

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April promises to be a delightful, musical month. St. Stephen's Roman Catholic and St. Paul's Episcopal Churches, both celebrating centennial anniversaries this year, will each sponsor a concert this month.

St. Stephen's

Under the direction of Don Haines Guidotti, the internationally-acclaimed James Madison High School Choir and Madrigal ensemble will perform at St. Stephen's on Sunday evening, April 16, at 8 p.m. The 60-voice choir has been received by Pope Paul, was hailed as "outstanding" on a recent European concert tour and mistaken for a group of college music majors after an appearance in New York City.

Two selections will be sung in memoriam to the late John F. Kennedy, who worshipped at St. Stephen's -- "Elegy" by Beethoven and Vaughan Williams' "Let Us Now Praise Famous Men." In addition, works by Russell Woolen and Robert Parris will be premiered.

St. Paul's

The Washington Cathedral Choir will perform in concert at St. Paul's the following Sunday, April 23rd, at 4 p.m.

Receptions, to which the public is cordially invited, will be held after each of the concerts.

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And our thanks, and Ellie's too, to the unknown Alamac resident who spotted and reported the fire, saving most of the contents of the apartment, including most of the records of the FBA.

PASTRY SHOP TO OPEN AT WATERGATE

New tenants are still arriving at the lovely Watergate Shopping Mall. The next establishment to open (March 31st) will be the Watergate Pastry Shop, boasting the talents of pastry chef Manfred Prim, formerly of the Mayflower Hotel.

Sometime in June the Mall will have a new restaurant -- the Watergate Terrace -- on an intermediate level, overlooking the river. At about the same time, a lower-level outdoor cafe will also open.

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